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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	<b>Application Number</b>	09/609,813
	<b>Filing Date</b>	July 3, 2000
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	<b>Group Art Unit</b>	2815
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

<b>1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114</b>	
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted
i.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on <u>November 13, 2001</u> (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
ii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed
i.	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply
ii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<b>2. Miscellaneous</b>	
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<b>3. Fees</b> The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.	
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
i.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
ii.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
iii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ <u>1,140.00</u> enclosed
c.	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

<b>SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED</b>			
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